

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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3653

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's 7/27/2006 amendment.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8,18,22,23 and 25-29.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claim 1 of applicant's 7/27/06 amendment, is patentable over the prior art of record because the teachings of the references taken as a whole do not show or render obvious the combination set forth, including a restoring force blocking part on a supporting part to receive an elastic restoring part, the restoring force blocking part rotating with a paper guide part and the supporting part, the restoring force blocking part comprising a side which is not in contact with the elastic restoring part when the paper guide part has not rotated beyond a predetermined angle relative to an initial position, the side of the restoring force blocking part contacting and elastically deforming the elastic restoring part when the paper guide part rotates past the predetermined angle so that a force of the elastic restoring part acts on the paper guide part via the elastic restoring part and the supporting part only when the paper guide part fixed to the supporting part rotates beyond the predetermined angle. More specifically, this arrangement is patentable, because this arrangement causes a force of the elastic restoring part to act on the paper guide part via the elastic restoring part and the supporting part only when the paper guide part fixed to the supporting part rotates beyond the predetermined angle.

Independent claim 7 of applicant's 7/27/06 amendment, is patentable over the prior art of record because the teachings of the references taken as a whole do not

show or render obvious the combination set forth, including a restoring unit to urge a guide towards a first position when the guide is at a second position; and a blocking unit to position the restoring unit so that a force of the restoring unit acts on the guide only when the guide rotates beyond a predetermined angle relative to the first position. More specifically, this arrangement is patentable, because this arrangement causes a force of the restoring unit to act on the guide only when the guide rotates beyond a predetermined angle relative to the first position.

Independent claim 29 of applicant's 7/27/06 amendment, is patentable over the prior art of record because the teachings of the references taken as a whole do not show or render obvious the combination set forth, including a restoring unit to urge a guide to move to a paper passing position from a paper jam removing position, the guide moving from the paper passing position to an initial position only by a weight of the guide by rotating relative to a frame according to a supporting part.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Morrison whose telephone number is (571) 272-7221. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Mackey can be reached on (571) 272-6916. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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